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MEDIA

Media coverage of Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Superfund site (from interview with Gary Riley and Rusty Harris-Bishop; first of 3-part series)

● Lake County Record-Bee: [EPA grapples with mercury mine cleanup efforts](#)

Prescott Daily Courier: Reporter Sue Tone requesting comment on community involvement during RI/FS process in regards to Senator McCain's letter sent to EPA. Sent reporter EPA's response letter, waiting on statement regarding community involvement from CI group: OPEN
Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) SF

Press Releases Issued:

Guam Shipyard: Press release on EPA agreement with the U.S. Navy and Guam Industrial

Services (known as Guam Shipyard) for hazardous waste storage violations under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, at Apra Harbor, Guam. As part of the settlement, Guam Shipyard will spend an estimated \$250,000 to \$330,000 to remove an abandoned vessel grounded in the harbor. Guam Shipyard, which operated the facility where the violations occurred, will pay a penalty of \$44,893 and the Navy will pay \$80,680 to settle its violations.

US Army Large Cesspools: Press release on EPA agreement with the U.S. Army to close four illegal large capacity cesspools on Oahu and eight on the Big Island. The Army will pay a \$100,000 fine, the first time EPA has imposed a civil penalty against a federal government facility for operating banned cesspools.

KHON TV – Nestor Garcia called with general background questions about LCC's in relation to press release on our CAFO with the US Army for LCC violations on Oahu and Hawaii Island. CLOSED, Dean Higuchi.

U.S. Settles with Trader Joe's to Reduce Ozone-Depleting and Greenhouse Gas Emissions at Stores Nationwide: Trader Joe's agreed to reduce emissions of potent greenhouse gases from refrigeration equipment at 453 of its stores under a proposed settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice and the EPA to resolve alleged violations of the Clean Air Act. Under the settlement, Trader Joe's will spend an estimated \$2 million over the next three years to reduce coolant leaks from refrigerators and other equipment and improve company-wide compliance. The company will also pay a \$500,000 civil penalty.

Southern California Public Radio: Reporter Paige Osburn interviewed RA Alexis Strauss on Trader Joe's settlement: CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) ORC/ENF

NBC (So Cal): Reporter Jeff Daniels wanted copy of Trader Joe's Consent Decree. CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) ORC/ENF

Additional coverage of Trader Joe's announcement:

Fortune: Trader Joe's Will Spend \$2 Million to Fix Alleged Air Pollution Violations (Reuters, [Fortune](#))

Politico: Trader Joe's Agrees to Pay Damages for Coolant Leaks (Alex Guillen, [Politico](#))

Los Angeles Times: Trader Joe's Agrees to Cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Court Settlement (Del Quentin Wilber, [Los Angeles Times](#))

The Hill: Trader Joe's Settles with Feds Over Alleged Air Pollution Violations (Lydia Wheeler, [The Hill](#))

Washington Examiner: Trader Joe's to Spend \$2M Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Maria Biery, [Washington Examiner](#))

CNBC: Trader Joe's to Pay \$2 Million to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Sarah Whitten, [CNBC](#))

Morning Consult: Trader Joe's Agrees to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Settlement (Asha Glover, [Morning Consult](#))

Smithsonian: Trader Joe's Agrees to Fix Its Fridges for the Environment (Erin Blakemore, [Smithsonian](#))

Greenwire: Trader Joe's to Spend \$2M on Emissions Curbs Under Settlement (Amanda Reilly, [Greenwire](#))

Law360: Trader Joe's Strike Deal with Feds Over Refrigerator Leaks (Christine Powell, [Law360](#))

WEB

Social Media:

Pollinator Week – At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Twitter](#) page about national Pollinator Week and linked to our [What You Can Do to Protect Honey Bees and Other Pollinators](#) page.

Enforcement of Ban on Cesspools in Hawaii – Posted a note of thanks via our [Twitter](#) page and re-tweeted a post by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance about the agreement announced today, and linked to our news release, [EPA Enforces Ban on U.S. Army's Cesspools on Oahu and Big Island](#).

Web Updates:

Hawaii Cesspools Enforcement Action –Posted the notice of the penalty settlement with the U.S. Army for Safe Drinking Water Act violations related to illegal cesspools to the [Enforcement website](#) and to the [News and Events page](#).

Federal Green Challenge – Posted information about the 2016 FGC Award winners to the [Federal Green Challenge website](#).

Tribal Newsletter – Posted the May issue of the Tribal Newsletter to the [Tribal Program website](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

OECA Request for Region IX Submittals for Upcoming Congressional Hearing: Brent Maier worked with our Enforcement Division and other Program Divisions on submittals to prepare Cynthia Giles for an upcoming Wednesday, June 29th appearance before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management and Regulatory Oversight to discuss EPA enforcement and compliance assistance. Region IX submitted brief summaries on the following issues: Exide, Porter Ranch – Aliso Canyon, AllenCo, Cargill Redwood City Salt Ponds Jurisdiction, San Francisco Bay, and West Oakland – Oakland Army Base.

Congressional Outreach on Trader Joe's Enforcement Action: Brent Maier shared today's joint EPA/DOJ press release with Congressional staff for the entire delegations of Arizona, California, and Nevada announcing that the United States has settled with Trader Joe's to reduce ozone-depleting and greenhouse gas emissions at stores nationwide.

This Week - Thursday, June 23, 2016 – Meeting with Deputy Assistant Administrator of Water Joel Beauvais and Rep. Grace Napolitano – A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd with Deputy Assistant Administrator of Water Joel Beauvais and Rep. Grace Napolitano to

discuss the Los Angeles County MS4 permit. Region IX's David W. Smith put together a summary that has been shared with OCIR's Denis Borum who is the lead for finalizing this meeting in HQ.

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Intergovernmental Meetings:

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee - Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety will hold a hearing entitled, “Examining Pathways Towards Compliance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ground-Level Ozone: Legislative Hearing on S. 2882 and S.2072.” Witnesses: TBD. 2:30pm ET. 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=15FD0E7B-9C62-42E4-BD49-4C51F01474C7>

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – House Science, Space and Technology Committee: Full Committee Hearing entitled, “*Ensuring Sound Science at EPA*” Witness: **EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy**. 10:00am ET. 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

<https://science.house.gov/legislation/hearings/full-committee-hearing-ensuring-sound-science-epa>

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – House Energy and Commerce Committee - The Energy and Power Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, “*Renewable Fuel Standard – Implementation Issues*” Witnesses: EPA Acting Assistant Administrator Janet McCabe and Howard Gruenspecht, the Energy Information Administration deputy administrator, are among the witnesses scheduled to testify at an upcoming House hearing on the Renewable Fuel Standard, according to an aide. Also scheduled to appear before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power is Chet Thompson, president of the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association, and Todd Teske, chairman of engine manufacturer Briggs & Stratton Corp 10:00am ET. 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings-and-votes/hearings/renewable-fuel-standard-implementation-issues>

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – House Natural Resources Committee - The Committee on Natural Resources will hold an oversight hearing on “*Investigating the Appropriate Role of NEPA in the Permitting Process*.” Witnesses: TBD. 10:00am ET. 1324 Longworth House Office Building, <http://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=400776>

Thursday, June 23, 2016 – House Natural Resources Committee - Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans legislative hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5032 (Rep. Dave Brat), To allow certain property in the town of Louisa, Virginia, to be used for purposes related to compliance with water quality standards, and for other purposes. H.R. 5430 (Rep. Louie Gohmert), To exempt from the Lacey Act and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers between any of the States of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. “Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act of 2016”; H.R. 5468 (Rep. Rob Bishop), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment obligations under Repayment Contracts between the United States and the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District; and Discussion draft of H.R. _____, To authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement, and for other purposes. “Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act” (Location: LHOB 1334)

Thursday, June 23, 2016 – House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform – The Subcommittee on Interior will hold a hearing entitled, “*Examining EPA’s Proposed Groundwater Rule for In-Situ Uranium Recovery*” Witnesses: To be announced. 10:00am ET. 2154 Rayburn House Office Building. <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/examining-epas-proposed-groundwater-rule-for-in-situ-uranium-recovery/>

Thursday – Monday, June 23 – 27, 2016 - United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) to Convene in Indianapolis, IN: The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) will hosts its 84th Annual Conference of Mayors June 23 – 27. The Mayors Water Council will convene on Friday, June 24th. Mayors Joy Cooper (Hallandale Beach, FL) and **Jill Techel (Napa, CA)** are Co-Chairs. Mayor Techel will chair the meeting since Mayor Cooper is unable to be in Indianapolis due to a schedule conflict. Joel Beauvais, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, will address the MWC meeting. The Council is expected to consider resolutions on WRDA, and on Green Infrastructure. As a Task Force, the Council adopts its resolutions and they are forwarded to the Environment Committee where they become part of the package of Resolutions adopted by the committee and subsequently deliberated for adoption by the entire USCM membership. Following the Mayors Water Council meeting, AA Beauvais will participate in a Local Government Feedback session featuring a select group of mayors. Mayors Techel, Horrigan (Akron, OH), Berger (Lima, OH), Hicks-Hudson (Toledo, OH), Maso (Frisco, TX), and Buttigieg (South Bend, IN), are among the mayors scheduled to attend. A total of six to twelve mayors are being invited to the session. The meeting will provide an opportunity for engagement on priority water issues of interest to the mayors, including Affordability and Integrated Planning; Green Infrastructure; and, Water Quality. Friday will also feature the Mayors Climate Protection Awards Luncheon. The Energy Committee, chaired by Mayor Johnathan F. Mitchell (New Bedford, MA), will meet late afternoon on Friday. Proposed resolutions being considered in this committee include: *Urging a Federal Clean Energy*

Program That Includes a Partnership with Cities. The Energy Committee will also consider some of the resolutions that the Environment Committee is considering to address Climate Change, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction. On Saturday, June 25th, the Environment Committee, chaired by **Mayor Greg Stanton (Phoenix, AZ)**, will convene for its business meeting and consideration of Resolutions. Among proposed resolutions are the following: *Supporting Integrated Planning and Affordability Measures in Bi-partisan Water Resources Development Act of 2016; Supporting the Reinstatement of the Superfund Tax; In Support of Climate Action; Supporting Access to Better Citywide-Level Greenhouse Emissions Data; Urging Congress to Support Water Resources and Infrastructure by: Passing the Water Resources and Development Act; Providing Full Implementation Funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA); and Maintaining Funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; Encouraging Expanded Use of Green Infrastructure and Healthy Turf Surfaces to Protect Water Resources and Water Quality, Enhance Human Health and the Environment, and to Aid Cities in Fighting Blight; and, Reducing Urban Heat and Protecting Human Health with Green Space.* Administrator McCarthy addressed the Environment Committee during the January Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR) is managing EPA's participation in the conference. For a complete conference schedule see www.usmayors.org. OIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee: The Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management and Regulatory Oversight will hold a hearing on EPA's enforcement and compliance assistance and Assistant Administrator Cynthia Giles has been invited to testify. The scope of the hearing is expected to be broad - its purpose is to obtain testimony from EPA about its enforcement and compliance programs including OECA's NEIs, results, Next Gen compliance and OECA's role in the regulatory process, among other topics. Brent Maier is working with our Enforcement Division to compile background materials for OECA preparations for this hearing. <http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/superfund-waste-management-and-regulatory-oversight>